

27 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant, Office of Personnel

SUBJECT: ACTION (Peace Corps) - CIA

1. I spoke with Michael Barkow, Office of General Counsel, ACTION (Peace Corps) twice today concerning our two unresolved questions.

2. As you know, over the years a policy has existed between Peace Corps and the intelligence community, including CIA, whereby Peace Corps would never hire an individual with an intelligence background and the intelligence agencies would not hire former Peace Corpsmen for a certain number of years (5 years per CIA regulation).

3. Mr. Barkow informed me that ACTION had not formally revised this policy since ACTION was formed as a result of a merger of Peace Corps and several domestic agencies.

4. Our specific problem--what was ACTION's opinion of CIA hiring a former ACTION employee or volunteer who worked purely in the domestic branches of that agency?--was unresolved during my first phone call. After checking with others in his office, specifically, those who dealt with the domestic branches of ACTION, it was his considered opinion that the bar to employment should not apply in this and similar cases. He stated the Peace Corps' policy barring employment was based on the foreign nature of Peace Corps and CIA work. As the foreign aspect was absent when dealing with the purely domestic side of ACTION, he saw no need for the Peace Corps' rule to apply. Therefore, you could consider for immediate employment those who have been associated with domestic ACTION.



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